

Christmas 1

Theme: The birth of Christ

Tune: 'Jesu Lover of my soul' (Little Heath 7.7.7.7D)

Source: Luke 2:1-20

Alternative use: a verse can also be used for each Sunday in advent at the lighting of the Advent Candle.

Love was born in Bethlehem,
Love within the manger laid.
Love took flesh - a little child;
Light to make the darkness fade.
Love to set its home on Earth,
Dwelling in the world it made.
In the child of Bethlehem:
Love within the manger laid.

Hope was born in Bethlehem,
Gracious answer to all prayer.
Starlight in the raging night,
Coming bright'ning light of care.
Hope wrapped round in human flesh,
All our sorrows gladly bear,
Dawning light in Bethlehem:
O my heart do not despair.

'Peace was born in Bethlehem'
Angels sang abroad that night.
Glory in the highest heav'n
Peace to crown the highest height.
Fighting world of war and greed,
Coming Prince of Peace shall right.
Darkness fails in Bethlehem:
Peace has come to shed its light.

Joy was born in Bethlehem,
No good thing it shall withhold.
Happy God to give to us,
Promised grace and joy of old:
Sunshine of good gospel news,
Warms our frozen hearts from cold.
Shining out in Bethlehem:
Light of God in Christ behold.